

REMARKS

Claims 4, 6-8, 12 and 14-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 6-8, 12 and 14-15 are amended, and claims 1-3, 5, 9-11 and 13 are canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited in those claims. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Hung at the interview held on January 12, 2007, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

I. Objections to the Specification

The Office Action provides four suggested revisions to the specification. The Amendment addresses the first and third suggested revision by (1) amending the last partial paragraph on page 17 of the specification to change the identifier from "155" to "150;" and (2) amending the second full paragraph on page 23 of the specification to change the identifier from "25" to "26." The Amendment addresses the second suggested revision by amending the second full paragraph on page 18 of the specification to delete the reference to Fig. 11. With respect to the fourth suggested revision, Applicants respectfully submit that no amendment to the fourth full paragraph on page 23 of the specification is necessary.

The Office Action provides five suggested revisions to the claims. Applicants adopt the first two of these suggestions by (1) replacing all instances of "select signal" to "selector signal" and (2) replacing all references to "then multi-bit" with "then its corresponding multi-bit." Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining suggested revisions to the claims are not necessary.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Amendment and Remarks are responsive to the objections to the specification and the claims identified in the Office Action.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 6-7 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Applicants amend claims 6-7 and 14-15 to provide sufficient antecedent basis for the features "3x3" and "center class." In view of these amendments, the §112 rejections of claims 6-7 and 14-15 should be withdrawn.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that independent claim 8 and dependent claims 4, 6-7, 12 and 14-15 recite allowable subject matter. The Amendment amends each of dependent claims 4, 6-7, 12 and 14-15 to include all of the features of the respective base claims. The Amendment also amends claims 6-7 and 14-15, as described above, to address the §112 rejections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 8 and amended claims 4, 6-7, 12 and 14-15 are in condition for allowance.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 4, 6-8, 12 and 14-15 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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